

The Mint of the United States at New Orleans,

Gainer's Office.

Hon J. C. Bowbychee

July 3<sup>rd</sup> , 1893.

Asst. Phila. Mint

Philadelphia Penn - Sir:

By reference to the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30/92 - pages 74-5 - I see that "During the last fiscal year there has been introduced in the Mint at Philadelphia Brown's Patent Annealing process" and note with pleasure the remarks of the Director in describing same.

After an experience of several years in this Mint I find the greatest obstacle in the way of our obtaining satisfactory results in the per centum of good Blanks, both of gold and silver - especially the latter - as we have coined very little of the former - is in <sup>the</sup> regularity of the annealing of the entire Strip. As a rule I think I think it almost impossible to give the

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As we are soon to have a new set of officials here, and are just commencing a new year, I write to request that you give me a statement of the approximate cost of this new process. The incoming Sup't, might be disposed to adopt it, and possibly pay for same out of our Contingent fund, which is some \$33,000. Since the reduction of our force the capacity of this Mink - without over-time - is about \$18,000. per day in Silver dollars.

Also will this new process be equally applicable to Gold? I hear we will be called upon to coin, at an early date, a good deal of Gold.

Any information given will be highly appreciated, and your early attention will much oblige -

Very respectfully

L. M. Piskin

Acting Comr.

Mint of the United States at New Orleans, La.,

COINER'S OFFICE,

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893

J. S. Webb.

L. M. Polk as Acting Coiner.

**SUBJECT:**

Relative to the  
working of  
"Brown's Patent  
Annealing Process"



No. of Inclosures,

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